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Reeves Elected To Senate

Houck says election is 'too close to call'

By EVE CEDERBAUM

With the narrow defeat of incumbent Democratic Sen. Edd Houck by Bryce Reeves in Senate District 17 Tuesday night, the Democratic Party lost control of Virginia's State Senate. As of Wednesday morning, 45,073 votes have been cast, with 22,610 votes for Reeves and 22,386 votes for Houck.

According to the Virginia State Board of Elections, Reeves won Tuesday's election by 226 votes, placing him beyond a one percent margin of error. This means that if a recount is done, it will have to come out of Houck's own pocket.

Reeves announced his victory via twitter early Wednesday morning, but according to the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* and the *Washington Post*, Craig Bieber, Houck's campaign manager, believes this race will come down to "Wednesday morning canvasses and provisional ballots" and that "Senator Houck will ultimately prevail in the final outcome."

A statement released by Houck Tuesday night said, "The race for this seat remains too close to call."

With Reeves declared the winner, the GOP will have complete control over the Virginia General Assembly, with a high majority in the House of Delegates and an even split in the Senate with the tie breaker vote cast by Lt. Gov. Bill Bolling, who is also a Republican.

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Members of the Ecology Club, shown on the right side of the picture linking arms, joined 12,000 protestors this weekend.

Faculty and Students Protest Against Pipeline

Over 20 Mary Washington students, faculty, staff and alumni went to Washington, D.C. this past Sunday to join 12,000 people in protesting the Keystone Pipeline. The pipeline, which is proposed to transport crude oil from Canada to the U.S., has drawn major criticism from environmental groups. The protestors linked hands around the White House, creating a circle that was five people deep in some places.



Juniors Libby Backman, left, and Elyse Clark, middle, circled the White House in disapproval of the proposed pipeline.

Hurley Recognized for Freedom Rides Exhibit

By VALERIE LAPOINTE

Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.) recently recognized the efforts of the University of Mary Washington and President Rick Hurley in last semester's commemoration of the Freedom Rides with a Congressional resolution.

Lewis was one of the 13 original Freedom Riders, and served

as the undergraduate commencement speaker for the class of 2011 this past May.

UMW alumnus and former Board of Visitor, Richard Cooper, presented the award to Hurley, and helped the University gain access to Lewis in planning for the event. The presentation occurred at a luncheon at the Jepson Alumni Executive Center.

"I think it's great that John Lewis initiated legislation that recognizes what President Hurley did with the Freedom Rides presentation," said Marion Sanford, director of the Multicultural Center on campus. "It was an incredible experience being here and seeing all the resources that the university put forward in order to ensure that this event was acknowledged."

In the resolution, Lewis honored Hurley and UMW's efforts to remember the Freedom Riders and the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

The resolution stated, "...President Hurley led one of the country's most impressive Freedom Ride programs. From reunions of fellow Freedom Riders, to breathtaking exhibits including a bus from that era, Rick

Hurley took one of the most dynamic moments of our past to say to his faculty and students, 'Look at what we can become together. Look at what we can do.'"

"I was very surprised and moved as the resolution was read," Hurley said.

The Freedom Rides exhibit

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Gwendolyn Hale Hired as Director Of Writing Center

By ALEX VAN BEEK

The new Director of the Writing Center, Gwendolyn Hale, hopes to broaden the scope of the center and program. Hale began work on Aug. 10, and in a first for the University of Mary Washington, is the director of both the Fredericksburg and Stafford Writing Centers.

Hale has a number of goals in mind to expand the writing center. One of these is to increase the amount of courses, regardless of discipline, that promote writing.

Faculty would select student writing tutors in these courses, known as writing fellows, who would "know the expectations of writing in that discipline" and be able to help other students meet those objectives, Hale explained.

She has also been visiting classes in order to put "a face



Courtesy of UMW Gwendolyn Hale

with the writing center" and demonstrate in person what the Writing Center has to offer.

Additionally, Hale is responsible for starting up the Writing Center newsletter, of which there are currently two published issues.

Hale did not want it "to be hokey like the Christmas newsletter or Christmas letter you get from families," stating that the real intent behind the newsletter is to "showcase what our tutors are doing outside of just tutoring students."

Through this, Hale wants to

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Marie Sicola/Bullet

Senior Jamie Larounis was named captain of the Fredericksburg volunteer rescue squad after being a member since 2009.

Student Named New Rescue Squad Captain

By THOMAS BOWMAN

The Fredericksburg volunteer rescue squad has a new captain who may look familiar to some University of Mary Washington students.

Senior Jamie Larounis, a member of the rescue squad since September 2009, was named captain in October.

Larounis initially volunteered for the rescue squad after being in charge of health and safety at Ockanicon Scout Reservation in Pipersville, PA, in 2008.

"It's good to feel like you can make a difference," Larounis said, after being asked how it felt to be captain.

As captain, Larounis plans to raise staffing levels by boosting membership, volunteer recruitment and retention.

In order to do this, Larounis plans to have the rescue squad more visible on campus by participating in more events like the COAR community fair, which the rescue squad participated in last month.

One of the changes Larounis has already made is to initiate an open-door policy for whenever someone has an issue they feel needs to be addressed.

Amanda Jenkins, a senior and a sergeant with the rescue squad, said there have "been a lot of changes for the better."

According to Jenkins, morale has improved because Larounis is very approachable.

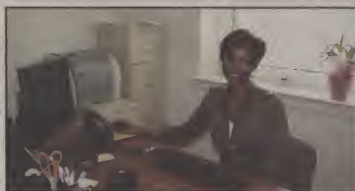
The volunteer rescue squad has around 15 members that are also UMW students.

"We don't run a lot of emergencies over at Mary Washington, but people see us on campus and think 'we can do this too,'" Jenkins said. "That's how we get most of our membership."

Students interested in volunteering for the rescue squad should contact Larounis at jlrouni@mail.umw.edu. The rescue squad will offer a basic-level training course beginning in January, held two days a week and every-other Saturday.

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Senior Marina Frano was one of three UMW riders to win an event last weekend as the equestrian team took third place at the CNU show.



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Reeves Wins Close Senate Election, Unseats Houck

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"I think Reeves' win can be accredited to the grassroots efforts by the UMW CRs and other campaign volunteers in the last 72 hours. The campaign specifically targeted Spotsylvania Co. which proved to be the area where Bryce picked up the majority of the votes," said Chairman of the College Republicans and senior, Erica Gouse.

Gouse is happy to have worked on the Reeves campaign for the past year.

"We are confident that Senator-elect Reeves will represent Sen. District 17 to the best of his abilities," said Gouse.

The *Bullet* attempted to reach the President of the Young Democrats, senior Brenden Outekerk for comment, but he was unavailable.

In the weeks and days leading up to the election, both campaigns went into hyper drive,

canvassing both on and off campus with the help of the University of Mary Washington College Republicans and Young Democrats, respectively, to encourage community members and students to get out the vote by holding press conferences, passing out stickers and signs, and offering rides to the local polling center at Walker Grant Elementary School.

According to Chief Election Officer Roberta Gold, a polling officer at Walker Grant Elementary School in Fredericksburg, voter turnout was "exceptional," and the school was the busiest polling area in Fredericksburg, with over 1,000 people having voted by 5 p.m. Gold also noted that there were more young voters this year and cited "the electronic equipment" and an uptick in hand-out material for the good turnout.

"It was really fast, there was

no line," said junior Bryanne Salazar.

Voter turnout was generally low across the state, with Senate district 17 having 37 percent turnout.

Republicans are already using this to build momentum for the upcoming presidential election, with McDonnell appearing on morning news program, "Morning Joe," Wednesday morning, calling the vote "a repudiation of many of the president's policies, but more importantly a verification, a validation of our problem solving, pro-job, pro-economic development policies," and saying it's "a huge win" for the party.



By EMILY MONTGOMERY

Nov. 3

Fredericksburg police responded to a report at 2:10 p.m. of grand larceny of a bicycle valued at about \$800 from Bushnell Hall. The case is pending.

Nov. 4

Fredericksburg police responded to a report of petit larceny of money from Seacobeck Hall between 5 p.m. on Nov. 1 and 5:59 p.m. on Nov. 4. The case is pending.

This information was compiled with help from UMW Police Office Manager James DeLoatch and Fredericksburg Police Department Public Information Officer Natatia Bledsoe.

Hale Selected to Run Writing Center

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emphasize that these students are multi-faceted individuals and that any student, regardless of major, can be a Writing Center tutor.

UMW students can bring their papers to one of the student tutors, who will help the student organize and edit their work.

A big source of inspiration for Hale was a mentor she had in graduate school, and Hale learned from this mentor that it is important to "create an atmosphere that is welcoming to students."

Junior Sarah Foote, one of the tutors, recognizes the positive aspects of the atmosphere, saying that Hale "honestly cares about the tutors and the people being tutored."

Jessica Jefferson, a senior who has been tutored at the writing center, says that Hale was friendly, and that while it is "weird that [the center] is one big room," she added that "I think it's inviting so it's ok."

Hale is excited to be at UMW, as "the students are brilliant, well-prepared and

worldly."

She added that UMW students "seem inquisitive and adventurous, and I just like that."

Hale is replacing retired writing center director Jane Gatewood, who worked at UMW for 20 years.

UMW is Hale's third school, after Fisk University and Savannah State University, where she has been director of the respective Writing Center. She states that she has always "been interested in writing center work," and ultimately selected UMW because she loves the area, and the school seemed to her to be the "perfect fit."

Associate Provost John Morello explained why Hale was selected over a number of other candidates, citing the fact that Hale holds a doctorate in English literature, and that her previous involvement with the Quality Enhancement Plan at one of her previous schools was "a plus."

The center is open during the school week, and appointments with tutors can be made based around a student's schedule.

By BROOKE MATTA

Last month, the James Farmer Multicultural Center welcomed a returning staff member, Greta Franklin, back into the program as associate director.

According to the University of Mary Washington EagleEye, Franklin worked as the multicultural student counselor from 2000 to 2005.

"It feels wonderful to be back," Franklin said. "It feels like coming home."

Franklin graduated from UMW with a bachelor's degree in art history and then worked as the multicultural student counselor before attending University of Maryland, College Park for her master's of education in college student personnel, she said.

"I decided to really engage in different sorts of positions and different types of schools just so that I would have that experience and that knowledge," Franklin said about the jobs she took after graduate school.

She worked as the associate director for campus life at Vassar College, as well as the assistant director of student life at the Community College of Baltimore County before returning to UMW.

Franklin cited the Freedom Ride exhibit hosted by the school last year as one of the main reasons for her return.

She said she hopes to continue focusing on the humanist and social justice issues that



Marie Sicola/Bullet

Greta Franklin, new associate director at the Multicultural Center, said being back at UMW "feels like coming home." Franklin graduated from UMW with a degree in art history.

were so important to James Farmer, such as civil rights and racial equality.

"I really see my role as associate director as continuing along that path and continuing to think of ways that the Multicultural Center can be that kind of conduit of focusing on those issues, outreaching to the community, and outreaching to the students here so they understand our role on campus," Franklin said.

Marion Sanford, director of the James Farmer Multicultural Center, said she was delighted to see Franklin return to the pro-

gram. According to Sanford, Franklin is an outstanding staff member.

"She has such a passion for multicultural and diversity programming," Sanford said.

Sanford explained that Franklin was very involved with student organizations such as the Black Student Association while she was a student at UMW. She even founded the Students Educating and Empowering for Diversity club, which is still active in the campus community today.

"That was just another testament to everything she's done

and her passion for this field, and for just getting everybody on board with understanding and appreciating differences," Sanford said.

Senior Charles Girard is the head student employee at the James Farmer Multicultural Center, and he believes that Franklin is settling into her new position well.

"Ms. Franklin has only been at our office for a few weeks but I can tell that she is a good fit for our office," Girard said. "She has made an effort to meet as many students as possible and her door is always open."



Courtesy of UMW

Hurley greets Rep. Lewis as he delivers the commencement address for graduation last May.

Lewis Sponsors Resolution to Honor Hurley

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received national attention from news organizations like the *Washington Post*, National Public Radio, PBS, Fox DC, the *Richmond Times Dispatch*, and the *Free Lance-Star*, among others.

In reflection, Hurley said that the exhibit was important because it exposed students to the struggles of generations past, really bringing the issues, sacrifices, and accomplishments of the movement and the freedom riders to light.

"It was an extraordinary ef-

fort by a great committee and many other members of the campus community," said Hurley. "I was immensely proud of the professionalism of the display but, more importantly, the message it conveyed."

During the ceremony, Lewis stated, "Like any leader, he [Hurley] has encountered many challenges, but President Hurley understands that what compelled a diverse group of Americans in 1961 to board southward-bound buses for Civil Rights is the same calling that can inspire minds and change hearts today."

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quickly filled to capacity. Some spectators chose to stand outside the doorways in order to hear the debate.

Houck focused most of the evening on his ability to work across party lines and the experience he has gained as a seven-term state legislator.

"For me, the key word is bipartisanship," he said.

He also worked to paint Reeves as a conservative extremist who was completely invested in party line.

Reeves' main approach for the evening was to showcase his dedication to the creation of jobs in Virginia and his record of public service. He made several references to his service in the Army Rangers and his years as a police officer in Prince William County.

One of the issues the candidates differed in was their respective stance on abortion.

Reeves stated he was anti-abortion, but seemed to have difficulty linking that stance with his desire for reduced government spending.

"I'm not sure how you can integrate government intrusion and pro-life, I just know that pro-life is the way I stand," he said.

He also mentioned that he was a small business owner when answering the question about his stance on abortion, saying, "If you've ever tried to build a building, anything, try to get permits and try to float a loan, you'll find out just how much the government has control over your pocketbook."

Houck was in favor of abortion rights, stating, "I have no problem accepting the fact that I trust women to make decisions about their health without government intrusions."

At one point, the debate almost broke into a shouting

match when Houck accused Reeves of running an inaccurate advertisement depicting Houck as an extremist. Reeves responded by pointing out that his campaign didn't put out the advertisement, but the Republican Party did.

The candidates also differed on uranium mining and an increase to the gas tax. Houck didn't support uranium mining but Reeves said he would if the process was clean. Houck also supported raising the gas tax to help support road maintenance, but Reeves did not. Both candidates did pledge to make higher education more affordable.

Several times throughout the debate, Cooperman asked supporters of both men to refrain from making rude comments.

William Spaulding, president of the LAC, commented, "We have a pretty large group of politically engaged students at UMW, and I think if there would

have been more of them in attendance the other members of the audience would not have been compelled to act so radical."

Junior Laura Gomez said, "The debate sounded like a really exciting event and I would have really loved to have gone. Maybe next time they could publicize it a little more."

The *Bullet* attempted to reach moderator Cooperman for her opinion on how the debate went, but she had not responded to our inquiries at the time of publication.

Reeves claimed victory Wednesday morning according to the *Free Lance-Star*, though his lead over Houck was within one percent of the total votes, allowing for the possibility of a recall.

The *Free Lance-Star* reported that as of 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, Reeves was 200 votes ahead of Houck.



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Print Edition Reigns Supreme As we Move Into Digital age

In a world now ruled by pixels and Twitter posts, how cool is it that you're reading this on a real, honest-to-goodness newspaper?

Take just a second to really think about that. With all the stories of long-running newspaper brands collapsing under the weight of the Internet, you're still able to just pick up a newspaper and read it like nothing has changed at all. But how long will that last?

Let's consider for a moment why print still matters. I mean, if you can just read this online whenever, wherever, then why wouldn't you? Why would you bother to walk out of your way to pick up a copy of the Bulletin when you can read the same thing online?

Print, as a physical form, is always going to be more reliable than anything online. You can walk into Combs and pick up a copy of the Bulletin and carry it around with you all day, every day, and never have to worry about our school's crappy Wi-Fi connection or your laptop's battery life. You can throw it in your backpack; you can easily pass it to friends for them to read; you can fold it up and stuff it in your back pocket as you walk around campus.

You'll never have to worry

about the content of a story changing after it's published or what the URL is or whether there's a big, flashing ad right in the center of a story. You'll never have to worry about watching a 30-second ad before you're allowed to view an article or whether it renders prop-

ternet didn't really take off until the mid-1990s. There's a long-standing tradition around the print medium that online simply cannot match. There's just something visceral and real about holding a physical newspaper that just isn't there when you absentmindedly click around a screen with a little plastic "mouse."

Think about the difference in presentation, too. Every inch of a newspaper is pored over and studied, designed from the ground up to be as readable and appealing to the eye as possible. There's a care and a dedication intrinsic to the print medium that most websites couldn't care less about.

And yet, still, the print medium is having a tough time keeping up with the lightning fast evolution of the Internet and tablet computers. It's anyone's guess how long print can survive against the digital onslaught, but in the meantime, let's appreciate what we have now: Pick up the newspaper and flip through it. Pore over an interesting article. Fold it up and pencil in the Sudoku.

Then, once you've exhausted everything there is to read in that issue, pass it to a friend.

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erly in your browser or whether all your Facebook friends are being notified of what you're

"Print is simple.

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A study done last year by the Nielsen Norman Group found that the average person reads "10.7 percent slower" on a screen than a printed book. There's a real eyestrain involved in reading from a screen that's constantly blasting your eyes with lights that you don't get from reading from paper.

Newspapers have been around since the 1600s. The In-

Engagement News Poorly Timed at Bridal Shower

A long white train, a glowing altar and six matching dresses all in a line. But, before you can have a fairy-tale wedding, you have to get through the gruesome months of planning and parties, where you are seemingly the center of attention.

Until you're not.

My best friend will be getting married in 38 days, and I am the maid of honor, of horror, best man, best Anne—whatever my pseudonym-du-jour becomes. It is definitely not an impromptu wedding: they've been dating for four and a half years, and engaged for one. But, through most of the planning her fiancé was sweating away at an Air Force boot camp in Texas.

Last Sunday, she had her final bridal shower. We had one over the summer, but this was more aimed at family guests (because no one wants to unwrap a see-through bra in front of Grandma). But that doesn't mean it was any less dramatic or exciting.

Theoretically, your wedding and the surrounding planning put you and your relationship at the forefront. That is, until your future sister-in-law gets engaged, too.

The groom-to-be has two sisters and a brother, let's call them Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail. There we were at the shower,

sitting in a circle playing awkward games to help bond a bunch of strangers, when we realized that Cottontail's 17-year-old girlfriend was wearing an engagement ring. A yellow gold, barely noticeable diamond, engagement ring. Now, if she just wanted to be engaged, that's

things took a turn for the bitter.

Enter the 30-something, unmarried with kids, cousin. As we reached for the mini tea sandwiches, she began talking about how no one should ever get married, how you should live with a person before deciding to get married, and how there are no good guys left.

Yes, she's allowed to think that. Showers hath no fury like a woman's scorn, I guess. However, there is a tactful way to inject your opinion into conversation, or just keep quiet until the end of the party.

We're getting to the age when a good majority of us will be attending weddings, bridal show-

ers, baby showers or engagement parties fairly frequently. And when these occasions arise, it's important to not be clouded by whatever big news you have or grudges you may hold.

But, if any of you single guys are free on Dec. 17, I would love to announce my engagement at the wedding reception. I'm sure she wouldn't mind.

unhappy hour

By ANNE ELDER

fine. I guess. But she didn't. She wanted to tell the party.

So there she walked, around the circle, showing off her newly acquired accessory. But she

stopped just short of her future mother-in-law, who still hadn't seen the ring and didn't look very happy about the news. Cottontail's girl quickly left the party after that, still not showing the ring to the Mrs. Josephine Rabbit.

Strike one for the shower, an engagement announcement. Nothing puts a damper on celebrations more than someone else stealing your thunder. But, then

"...your wedding and the surrounding planning put you and your relationship at the forefront. That is, until your future sister-in-law gets engaged, too."

Homeless Left Out in the Cold

By BRIAN AURICCHIO

Businesses located in downtown Fredericksburg have made it clear: keep the homeless out. Micah Ecumenical Ministries, a group that helps the homeless, has stopped serving

free breakfast because of pressure from local businesses.

According to the *Free Lance-Star*, "Micah leaders also have decided to move breakfasts to the cold-night shelter in November. That shelter on State Route 3 in southern Stafford County opens when the weather dips below 32 degrees in winter months. On days the shelter doesn't open, breakfast won't be offered to the homeless."

Local businesses have complained that these homeless people are panhandling, trespassing and loitering. There has also been talk of Micah attracting the homeless to the downtown area. It seems that an appropriate business climate for these companies involves only "desirable customers."

Downtown Fredericksburg is desperately trying to create an image. The brick sidewalks, angled parking, clock towers, the lack of chain stores and electrical wires all fuel a consumer-friendly, idealized community.

This image does not include the homeless.

This is just an example of how the homeless are pushed to the political periphery, shoved aside and largely forgotten

about. Out of sight, out of mind. We can now freely wander the downtown atmosphere guilt-free while antique shopping or meandering through the area.

It seems like our politicians are following a similar patter.

According to the *New York Times*, Obama's last State of the Union, "was only the second time since Harry S. Truman's State of the Union address in 1948 that such a speech by a Democratic president did

not include a single mention of poverty or the plight of the poor."

Well, if you believe the mainstream media, it's their fault they're homeless anyway, right?

This lack of discourse reflects a creed that has been the epitome of our strategy on homelessness: make it invisible.

A lack of affordable housing, an increasing number in foreclosures nationwide and a high unemployment rate are all putting pressure on social services whose funding is being slashed.

All too often we hear that their poverty is contingent upon their motivation to get a job, or that substance abuse and behavioral traits are larger barriers to economic success than the structural injustice that has disadvantaged certain groups from the beginning.

If we have learned anything from the 2008 financial crisis, it's that a lack of human decency or morality does not depend on income.

A lack of human decency or morality does not depend on income.



Courtesy of eagleeye.umw.edu

Sammy the Eagle has been stamped around campus in an attempt to revamp school pride, but how effective has this effort been?

Answering the Question of School Spirit

By VALERIE LAPOINTE

As a tour guide for the University of Mary Washington, it is my job to ensure that every prospective student leaves thinking that UMW is the Disneyland of college experiences.

We show off the fitness center (sounds fancier than gym), the Underground, the newly renovated Monroe Hall, the sprawling cornucopia of food in Seacobeck and of course the crown jewel, the Anderson Center.

On my tours, I field questions about student life, meal plans, dorm rooms and all other aspects of college. There are very few questions I haven't heard or don't have a quick answer to that is pointed and professional. Or so I thought.

This past Monday, I touring a group of 18, and being 55 minutes into it I had already been

asked some real zingers like, "How safe is the campus here?"

Guide answer: "We have 142 blue light stations on a 167 acre campus and our very own police force. I have never heard of anyone needing to press a blue light. They have to test the system once a year to make sure it's still working."

Real Answer: "If I ever did get attacked I would limp myself off campus before reporting it to avoid dealing with the campus police. Also, the parking deck is way sketchy at night. Beware of the Fredneck creepers, they exist. Hide yo kids, hide yo macbook."

"How diverse is this campus?"

Guide answer: "About 16 percent of our population claim minority status. As a community, we place a strong emphasis on multicultural education, culmi-

nating in the Multicultural Fair, one of the most well-attended events of the academic year."

Real Answer: "We put on a good show, but this school is about as waspy as they come."

I thought I had this tour in the bag, until a petite mother asked, "What is the school spirit like here? I haven't been able to discern what the mascot is or what the colors are."

I was stumped. How could I explain to this lovely woman that Bingo Night has a higher attendance rate than almost all sporting events? And how did she miss the giant eagle with the five-foot wing span on the floor of the Anderson Center?

When it comes to school spirit, we are apathetic at best. Mildly interested would be pushing it. Spirited is a word I would use to describe the squirrel population, but unless its

homecoming, it's not an adjective anyone would associate with the student population. So what did I say? I spun. I spun like a five-year-old on a swivel chair.

I said, "Some schools are identified by their sports teams and school colors. Our identifier is a community that gives back on a national and international level. Students Helping Honduras was founded here, and every year for the past four years we have highest number of students entering the Peace Corps after graduation in the country."

Was this answer pertinent to her question? No, not really. But did it sound good? Yes it did. My real answer? If you want to hear students chanting "go go go, fight fight fight" on a weekly basis, you need to go go go and find find find another school.

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Viewpoints



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Seemingly, the two candidates left in the GOP presidential race are Herman Cain and Mitt Romney, although Romney seems like a recent favorite because of Cain's ongoing scandal.

Candidates Fall, Romney Emerges on Top

By CALVIN SHERWOOD

It is better to hold your peace and look a fool rather than open your mouth and prove it to be so. After last week's escapades, it looks like GOP hopeful, Herman Cain, is learning this lesson, albeit painfully.

Accusations and rumors about sexual harassment took away some of the momentum Cain had accumulated from his 9-9-9 plan, but he wagered that if he held silent on the "idle gossip," as his campaign strategists call it, the storm would blow over.

When one of those pesky journalists dared to force an opinion out of him he angrily said, "Don't even go there!"

Naturally, the journalist went there.

Clearly, Cain does not always grasp what excites the American public. Sex scandals are far more entertaining than tax reform. There is no surprise that the American public is easily distracted by shiny things that seem interesting and can veer away from their original point of attention.

This should not surprise Cain too much, since it was this fascination with colorful personali-

ties and sound bytes that drew so much attention to him in the first place. As a pizza mogul, Cain certainly added a new spice to the mix.

Although the aggressive an-

question, "If elected president, would Cain do this all the time? If journalists bug him, what's going to happen when Iran pushes his buttons?"

Earlier in the race, Texas

clined after floundering in several GOP debates against more seasoned veterans, like former Governor Mitt Romney.

If we can rely on history, even though the exquisitely groomed Romney is much less interesting than the fire-breathing Cain or Rick Perry of the GOP race, he will probably still outlast them. Why?

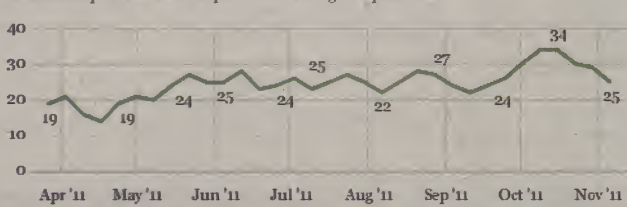
He is content to be the super slick, easygoing and bland politician for the time being. It is up to his opponents, like Cain, to do something else to distinguish themselves, and, in their efforts to garner support with catchy sound bytes, they sometimes slip up. Romney can afford to hold back a bit and wait until that happens.

The more mistakes his opponents make, the more viable Romney appears.

The GOP candidate race remains open on paper, but the campaigners with less experience are starting to lose their breath after too many sprints. This race, after all, is a marathon that is far from over.

Herman Cain's Positive Intensity Scores

Based on Republicans and Republican-leaning independents



Positive Intensity Scores are computed as the percentage with a strongly favorable opinion of a candidate minus the percentage with a strongly unfavorable opinion, among those familiar with the candidate. Information and graph courtesy of gallup.com

Presidential nominee Herman Cain's approval rating is in free fall after the sexual harassment allegations that surfaced two weeks ago.

ties scored Cain some extra publicity, he is now seeing the other side of that coin. Though it was minor, this angry outburst may be some ground for these accusations and prove his temper. If it were mere gossip, as Cain and his aides claim, why would he react in such a way?

In any case, the harassment scandal also managed to get Cain to lose his temper. This action will now force voters to ask themselves an inconvenient

Governor Rick Perry experienced a similar roller coaster ride with media attention. In 2008, choosing Sarah Palin did the same thing to Sen. John McCain's campaign for presidency.

A pattern is starting to emerge. Extremely colorful, candid and aggressive candidates garner the media attention they crave, but eventually slip up somewhere and see their approval ratings dip. Perry can sympathize since his support de-

A Note to Science Fiction Fans: Please Stop Complaining

By JOSHUA LAWSON

It's simple: those who enjoy science fiction need to stop complaining about its lack of realism.

There are fans of "Star Wars" and there are fans of its animated television counterpart "The Clone Wars," but, more often than not, these two groups are mutually exclusive. Furthering this gap was the announcement that the series would be reintroducing fan-favorite protagonist, Darth Maul, to the franchise.

While the opportunity to see the aggressive, devil-horned Sith Lord is certainly tantalizing, there is a small problem: in the now infamous fan-boy bane "The Phantom Menace," Darth Maul was cut in half at the waist and fell down a seemingly bottomless pit. Cue fan outrage.

It's hard to take people seriously when they complain about the lack of realism in a science fiction franchise, particularly one with such a heavy precedent for resurrection and surviving near-

death encounters.

Considering Darth Vader was born after Anakin Skywalker was burned alive on the shores of a lake of lava after being cut into pieces, or that General Grievous was able to survive in a cyborg body with nothing but his eyes, heart and guts intact, the throngs of jaded fans crying foul seem a little silly.

The fan uproar cuts to the core of a deeper issue within science fiction fans in general, and "Star Wars" fans in particular; they hate everything.

Let's rewind back to before "The Clone Wars," before "The Phantom Menace" and even before the 1997 re-releases of the original "Star Wars" films. Even upon the release of the original "Star Wars," fans bickered and complained about the golden protocol droid C-3PO. C-3PO's status as a proto-Jar Jar Binks

held up through "The Empire Strikes Back" until "Return of the Jedi," when fans found something new to hate in the Ewoks, the furry teddy bear imps that comprised the citizenry of the forest moon of Endor.

The films were re-released in 1997 and, after over a decade, fans finally had something new to moan and groan about when George Lucas hopped on his computer and tampered with his films. This was a misstep beyond correction, unless you can muster the strength to not watch the remade films,

but who has the willpower for that? And of course, come 1999, fans be-



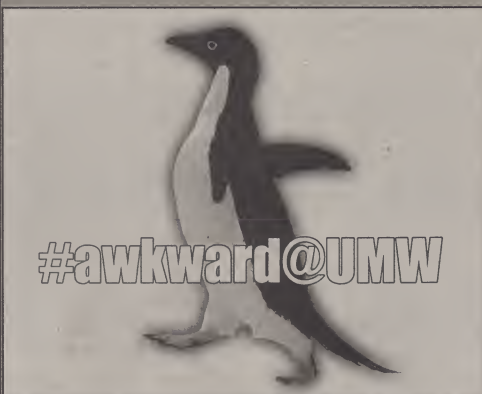
Courtesy of fanboy.com

moaned the destruction of their childhood when the prequel trilogy of films was released.

The simple fact of the matter is that the audible majority of "Star Wars" fans have never been happy and never will be.

I applaud George Lucas for moving his franchise on into further generations, despite the obnoxious cries of aging fans. Why shouldn't kids today be able to watch a new section of the "Star Wars" saga unfold? "The Clone Wars" isn't for the middle-aged fans that were able to see "A New Hope" in theaters. It's for eight-year-olds. And me. Shut up and let us enjoy it.

Awkward Penguin is lonely. Send him your awkward moments!



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The Importance of Being Fit and Snug

Last week, I got a "package received" notification in my inbox. For 99 percent of the student body, this would be a thrilling moment. Well, the people sitting next to me when I opened it at the Nest certainly were shocked to see what they may have thought was a package from my grandmother. Nestled in between a complimentary sticker sheet and a shipping notification was an enormous trash bag filled with 500 Trojan condoms of assorted types.

In the whirlwind of autumn and its accompanying melodramas, I had entirely forgotten about the Condom Grant I had applied for earlier in the summer. The Great American Condom Campaign gives these grants, where individuals can apply for their school group to receive hundreds of condoms.

Needless to say, I had been awarded the grant, and it came in the forms of Her Pleasure, Fire & Ice and Extra Ribbed.

Like giddy children with our pillowcase full of Halloween candy, my friends and I dug through the bag to discover that the bottom was layered with none other than the infamous Magnum. There must have been at least 80 of the little golden packages, and hilarity quickly

gave way to confusion about these over-sized rubbers.

I was one of the people in charge with distributing these fun-sized bundles of joy to the University of Mary Washington community. What were we supposed to do with the ones that required a little extra "fun"? We couldn't pass them out at dorms or attach them to VOX's holiday condom-grams. If given to the majority of men at the college,

or anywhere in the U.S. for that matter, the Magnums would be not only useless and insulting, but also poten-

tially unsafe.

Wearing a condom that is too large for you makes it more likely that it will slip off during sex. Stopping intercourse to play "hunt the rubber" in your partner's orifices is way less sexy than that game title would suggest. Not to mention, missing condoms lead to missing periods. And that leads to missing classes. We're all about academics here, folks.

Since there isn't a formal sizing system for condoms, your best bet is to just try some on and make sure they fit. If there's room between your skin and the latex, you should step it down a notch or try a brand labeled with a more "snug" fit. Conversely, if

there's space at the base of the shaft that the material doesn't cover, you might need a size up. That extra inch or two can make a difference in a lot of things, and STD transmission is one of them.

Gentlemen, when you wrap

it, pay attention to fit. It means more than just choosing which pretty wrapper color looks best with your complexion. And if any of you need a Magnum, or think you do, I have 80 that need a home.

Sexclimations
By Claire
Pickard

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Style

'Arkham City' Lets Players Don the Dark Knight's Cowl



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You can punch, kick, creep and glide through "Arkham City" as Batman.

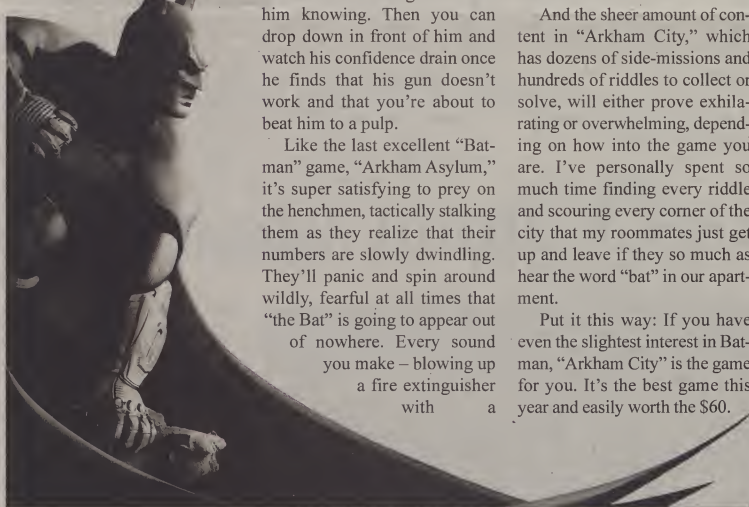
By THOMAS ELLA

In no particular order, these are the three coolest things in life: 1. Me, 2. Watching Batman, 3. Being Batman.

Now, let's say that, like me, you've always harbored a grudge against your parents for not having been gunned down in an alleyway, leaving you with a seemingly endless inheritance and a raw hatred for crime and apathy. Well then, "Batman: Arkham City," recently released for PlayStation 3 and Xbox 360, is the closest you're going to get to donning the cowl.

Tragic, I know, but considering just how amazing "Arkham City" is, maybe that's not such a bad thing.

You're probably thinking to yourself, "Wait, Arkham City? Ha! Didn't you mean Gotham City? 'Arkham' would refer to



the Elizabeth Arkham Asylum for the Criminally Insane located just outside Gotham City, first appearing in 'Batman #258.' Loser."

Well, thank you, sir and/or madam, but as it turns out, in the context of this game, 'Arkham City' is a no-man's land in Gotham, a massive prison where criminals are allowed to do whatever they want as long as they stay behind the walls.

And, as Batman, it's your job to get in there and punch anything with two eyes and a nose right in its stupid face.

You'll have an arsenal of gadgets at your disposal, like smoke bombs used to make a quick getaway or a cryptographic sequencer used to hack open doors and tune into radio transmissions. Probably the most fun is the disruptor gadget that allows you to remotely disable a henchman's gun without him knowing. Then you can drop down in front of him and watch his confidence drain once he finds that his gun doesn't work and that you're about to beat him to a pulp.

Like the last excellent "Batman" game, "Arkham Asylum," it's super satisfying to prey on the henchmen, tactically stalking them as they realize that their numbers are slowly dwindling. They'll panic and spin around wildly, fearful at all times that "the Bat" is going to appear out of nowhere. Every sound you make — blowing up a fire extinguisher with a

"batarang," for instance — will freak them out; that you can use Batman's "Detective Vision" to check how fast their hearts are beating gives the whole process a gloriously sadistic tint.

But the biggest difference between the two games is the setting. While "Arkham Asylum" was set on a relatively small island, Arkham City is literally just a huge chunk of land carved from Gotham City; this is the Batman experience you've been waiting for. Perched on a gargoyles and look down upon the city, pensively. Swoop down and glide above the city streets on your way to the "Bat-Signal."

Once you get the hang of it, the act of gliding around the city is one of the purest joys the game has to offer, making traversing from one objective to the next — which could have been a real chore — a brilliant, visceral distraction.

And the sheer amount of content in "Arkham City," which has dozens of side-missions and hundreds of riddles to collect or solve, will either prove exhilarating or overwhelming, depending on how into the game you are. I've personally spent so much time finding every riddle and scouring every corner of the city that my roommates just get up and leave if they so much as hear the word "bat" in our apartment.

Put it this way: If you have even the slightest interest in Batman, "Arkham City" is the game for you. It's the best game this year and easily worth the \$60.



Courtesy of Abbie Rogers

Taste of Asia offered students various dances, fashions and foods in spades.

Taste of Asia Celebration Provides UMW with Diverse Entertainment

By JAMIA JORDAN

"Please don't fall, please don't fall," was on the mind of 20-year-old senior Eniya Lufumpa as she waltzed across the runway in Indian apparel at UMW's annual Taste of Asia Celebration, held in the Great Hall on Friday Nov. 4 at 7 p.m.

The night opened with a fashion show, where students dressed to impress in ethnic cloths representing different countries in Asia.

Directed by juniors Kellan Latif and Raven Carroll, the fashion show hosted 23 models dressed in garments from Vietnam, India, Afghanistan, Japan and Korea.

Both directors researched information on the clothing types of each country as well as put together the scripts, and helped the models dress backstage get ready.

"It was my first time being in charge of a big event like this so I was nervous at first, but seeing all our hard work on stage almost brought tears to my eyes," Carroll said.

Lufumpa stood out in her em-

broidered pink tunic paired with white skinny jeans which added an American flare. She accented the outfit with a vibrant colored scarf which hung from her neck, black high heels, and long beaded earrings.

"It was not a coincidence that I ended up dressing in an Indian garment, as I've always wanted to go to India, because their culture is so rich and colorful," Lufumpa said. "I loved my outfit! It made me feel very cultured in a sense because I was partaking in a cultural experience different from my own. It definitely made me want to go to India more."

Other models had similar responses when asked what favorite part about participating in this event was there.

"I think clothing is a celebration of life with its unique patterns, sequins, and colors," said 19-year-old junior Paulina Kosturos.

After strutting on stage she said, "I loved my outfit! It was my second time modeling for Taste of Asia and my second time wearing clothing from India. I definitely want to travel

to India now! Aside from the different clothing styles, I enjoyed spinning on stage, although it was semi-frightening. I didn't want to fall in my heels!"

Kosturos graced the runway in an orange floral Indian garment that hung ankle length on her tall stature. She accented this outfit with a floral printed scarf which hung around her neck. Every model in the show brought their own flare to the runway while posing, smiling, and dancing at various checkpoints on the stage.

Various dance performances from the UMW Step Team, Bhangra, Performing Arts Club, Hindu, and many more groups brought their own sense of style following the fashion show, adding a performing arts flare to this culturally diverse night.

The assortment of foods from all over Asia left everyone who came leaving happy with a great taste of Asia in their mouths. Every year the Taste of Asia Celebration seeks to educate the UMW and Fredericksburg area communities on the richness of Asian heritage culture.

Klein Theatre Celebrates This Fall as a 'Season of Love'

By KRYSTIA GUINEY-OLSEN

The Mary Washington Department of Theatre and Dance has begun its latest production. "Rent," a Broadway musical that mesmerized millions of New Yorkers, found its way to Mary Washington last Thursday in the Klein Theatre.

People can only say wonderful things about the first three performances.

"I absolutely loved it," said freshman Isabelle Malouf, who went to see it opening night.

The Klein Theatre

could easily be mistaken for a Broadway set with the famous metal table center stage, the scaffolding winding to a platform high above it, and the payphone on stage left. It's simple, but it's easy to believe that it would make writer Jonathan Larson, the writer of "Rent," proud.

The voices were exceptional. Emotions ran high as the cast brought the audience into the streets of New York City. Laughter boomed with Maureen's "Over the Moon" act. The audience actively moaned along with

Jackson, the freshman playing Maureen.

Anders Coe plays Angel, a drag queen who livens up the stage in wonderfully colorful outfits. He gave an outstanding performance in "Today 4 U" wearing his Christmas-themed costume complete with high-heeled boots.

His voice triggered goosebumps on freshman Molly Everett's arms.

"I would go see it again just to watch him," she said.

When the time came in the second act for

AIDS to finally take Angel away, tears flowed through the audience.

There were no characters lacking talent. Austin Bouchard, playing Roger, gave a moving performance during "One Song Glory."

Jonathan Karns, playing Mark, was awkward and fun, the exact kind of character Mark was meant to be. Even the actors in the ensemble proved to be amazing.

The department's production of "Rent" is well worth seeing.

"RENT" AT KLEIN THEATER

Did you miss "Rent" this past weekend? No need to fear, the musical will be at Mary Washington until Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays. Tickets are \$20 for standard admission, \$16 for students and senior citizens, \$8 with UMW ID.



Courtesy of Geoff Greene

Style

It's Not Crazy to Fall in Love With 'Crazy Stupid Love'



image courtesy of allmovieallpaper.com

"Crazy Stupid Love" has a solid narrative, enjoyable characters and a slew of high caliber performers including Steve Carell, Ryan Gosling and Julianne Moore.

By AMANDA MCCULLOUGH

If "The Office" hasn't been able to fill your need for Steve Carell, or you've been missing Ryan Gosling's abs, this might just be your weekend. "Crazy Stupid Love" is coming to this week's Cheap Seats and if you haven't seen it I suggest you grab some friends, maybe even a date, and hand over the \$1 to see it.

Filled with a star-studded cast, it combines all the great as-

pects of any movie, love, comedy, beautiful men in nice suits, gorgeous women and an unpredictable twist.

Cal's (Steve Carrell) life falls apart when his wife Emily (Julianne Moore) throws a double whammy his way by both admitting that she's been having an affair and asking for a divorce.

Ending up at a bar and drinking his sorrows away, while whining to anyone that will listen, we are introduced to Jacob

(Ryan Gosling), who dresses to impress and has the skills to get any woman into bed. Eventually forming a friendship, Jacob teaches Cal the ways of becoming a certified player, including a scene reminiscent of the famous "Pretty Woman" shopping trip — man-style.

The plot is quick-moving and filled with plenty of laughs and gasps. While living up the single life style Cal realizes that he is still in love with his wife and

wants her back.

The film doesn't exclusively follow Cal though, as viewers also get glimpses into the life of Jacob and his relationship with Hannah (Emma Stone), as well as Cal's son Robbie (Jonah Bobo) who is in love with his babysitter, Jessica (Analeigh Tipton) who is in turn in love with Cal.

This awkward love triangle forms one of the movies best assets. Cal's son Robbie is a love-

struck teenage boy who has acquired forbidden love for the much older Hannah and is willing to show his love in anyway including an embarrassing public announcement.

"Crazy, Stupid, Love" is a movie filled with heartwarming moments between family and friends without being cheesy. The acting is strong and the dialogue is riveting.

The plot was refreshing and hasn't been overdone with a

shocking twist that comes out of nowhere, as a movie-goer it was refreshing to actually be surprised in a movie that didn't have a predictable plot.

This movie is entertaining and the character development is strong. So go out and see it, see what the fuss is about, and enjoy the multitudes of one-liners by Steve Carrell and Ryan Gosling and take note of the tailored suits ladies and gents; they both look smashing in them.

'The Help' is Good, But Not a Faithful Adaptation

By ANDREA FORCUM

Set against the racially volatile backdrop of the 1960s American south, "The Help" will be bringing vibrant characters and an engaging story to Cheap Seats this week.

The film chronicles the journey of a young recent college graduate, Skeeter (Emma Stone), as she discovers the stories of maids that she had been surrounded with all of her life and never bothered to notice. As she and the maids that she corresponded with compile their stories, we witness the changing of minds and hearts.

The maids are arguably the most dimensional characters in the film. Aibileen (Viola Davis) is a soft-hearted woman who, after Skeeter's prompting, agreed to participate in the book.

Minnie (Octavia Spencer), the sharp-tongued maid, says all of the things that every viewer wants to say, and provides both laughter and a little retribution.

One of the shining lights of the film is the way Emma Stone brought the lead character,



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The movie "The Help" washes over some of the edgier parts of the popular novel, but still entertains.

Skeeter, to life. Her quirky mannerisms and seemingly relentless drive to bring a voice to the women around her made the difficult situation seem less per-

ilous.

For those lucky enough to have seen the movie prior to reading the book, the film may seem comprehensive, or even

daring. However, for those more reading-inclined viewers, "The Help" suffers from the same thing nearly all book-inspired films suffer from — it cuts

out scenes that are of paramount importance to character development and the message.

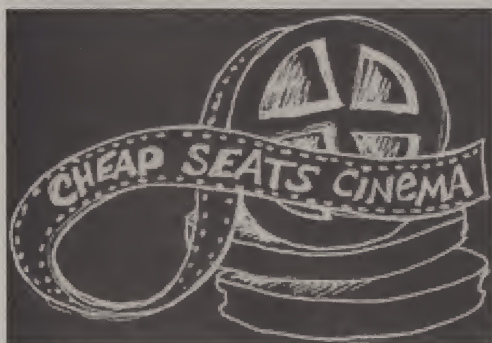
The film did not truly do justice to the book or to the story of

these women. Many of the more difficult parts of the book were excluded or were (ahem) white washed. For example, Skeeter's mother in the book was decidedly racist and a despicable person. In the film, she is shown as a sensitive woman who had simply been too cowardly to act.

By removing some of the venom from the story, the filmmakers removed some of its message and certainly its effect. The only characters that had been watered down for general consumption were the white racist characters. It was as if they wanted to bring up the topic, but not really deliver it authentically.

In our age of enlightened thinking it'd be nice to think we could represent a story like this accurately, or at least do our best to stay true to the message.

Although "The Help" is filled with engaging characters, its failure to deliver the pungent realities of their stories is disappointing.



Courtesy of Cheap Seats

THIS WEEKEND AT CHEAP SEATS

It's going to be a great weekend for fans of Emma Stone at Cheap Seats Cinema, which is bringing both "Crazy Stupid Love" and "The Help" to Mary Washington. "Crazy Stupid Love" is playing in Monroe 116 on Friday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12 at 10 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 13 at 2 p.m. "The Help" is playing at the same place Friday at 10 p.m. and Saturday at 10 p.m. Tickets for all showings are \$1.

Belmont Stairway Named an Endangered Artifact

By ALISON THOET

Early this month, the nearly 150-year-old wrought-iron staircase at Gari Melchers Home and Studio in Belmont was deemed one of Virginia's Top Ten Endangered Artifacts.

According to a university press release, the railing was forged around 1845 and was chosen for the Top Ten Endangered Artifacts list by an independent review panel from 25 nominations across Virginia.

The Top Ten Endangered Artifacts list is a development by the Virginia Collections Initiative and the Virginia Association of Museums.

The staircase is an iconic structure at Belmont and has served as the set to numerous pictures over the years from visitors, event guests and weddings.

University of Mary Washington Senior Cameron Henry, a historic preservation major and the president of UMW's Historic Preservation Club, visited Belmont last year for a class.

He remembers the staircase as an "ornate, stylistic element made of gracefully curled wrought-iron and dozens of cast-iron floral medallions."

He added that, "because the associated stair is somewhat plain by comparison, the heavily detailed railing confers a great deal of the entrance's style, and therefore would be a shame to lose."

Michelle Crow-Dolby, education and communications manager of Melchers, said the new publicity of the structure will increase awareness of the site's existence. She added that now as a famed historical location, Melchers can be a venue for the art and historic preservation students at UMW.

"I'd love to see more students visit," Crow-Dolby said.

She added that UMW historic preservation students can closely



Alison Thoet/Bullet

The front entryway to the Gari Melchers Home and Studio at Belmont.

study this site and its long history.

Senior Mandi Solomon recently did a project on the history of downtown and has visited Belmont before.

"It definitely has some appeal to it," said Solomon. "You can't save something if you don't know the history of it."

Belmont is a 28-acre estate where artist Gari Melcher and his wife, Corrine, lived. Corrine donated the property to the Commonwealth of Virginia as an art museum and historic site in 1955.

According to the Melchers Home and Studio website, the estate includes the 1970's home with the original furnishings, Melchers' studio and over 500 of his works of art, the largest collection of his works in the world.

"The whole purpose of the program is to increase awareness for artifacts that need attention," said David Berreth, director of

Melchers Home and Studio.

Berreth explained that the site's management was focused more on restoring the buildings over the past 15 years and as a result, some parts of the buildings were not addressed.

"Because of publicity, people will pay more attention, which will help raise funds for the restoration of the staircase," said Berreth.

According to Crow-Dolby, the main goal of the site's team is to secure funds and interest to restore and preserve the staircase. The work has accumulated some damage with rust as it has faced the elements for so long.

"I hope it can be preserved," Henry said. "Putting all historical significance and age aside, the railing is quite intricate and likely took much skill and time to construct. It would be a shame to see something of that quality be removed, or corrode away."

The first step of the restoration process is a conservation assessment, according to Crow-Dolby.

This assessment will produce a rough number for the cost of the artifact's restoration. The restoration will be paid for by fundraising as well as local, regional or national grants.

"Positive publicity is always welcome," said Crow-Dolby. She hopes positive publicity will bring funds towards the restora-



Alison Thoet/Bullet

The stairs at Belmont have fallen into disrepair.

tion of the famous wrought-iron staircase.

Henry hopes funds will soon reach the Melchers Home and Studio to use for restoring the wrought-iron staircase.

"It would be great to see the school or state foot the bill for the Belmont railing's conservation, but in the current economic

climate it isn't promising that a governmental institution, beyond perhaps the federal government, will take all the needed money for the project, at least without pressure," Henry said.

The property is now operated by the University of Mary Washington and is a Virginia and National Historic Landmark.

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
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Math major Kathryn Dillinger took second and third places at conference.

Student Places at Math, Statistics Conference

By STEPHANIE LIPSCOMB

On Saturday, Oct 22, University of Mary Washington math major Kathryn Dillinger won second place in the Shenandoah Undergraduate Mathematics and Statistics conference (SUMS) at James Madison University.

Dillinger presented a poster titled "Profiting with Options Using the Black-Scholes Equation."

The event "is an annual one day conference promoting undergraduate research in mathematics, statistics, and their applications. The conference

will feature contributed undergraduate research talks, invited talks aimed at a general undergraduate math audience, a poster session, a graduate school and math careers panel, and a math competition workshop for high school students," according to the SUMS website.

Dillinger made the poster under the instruction of Assistant Professor of math Leo Lee during the Summer Science Institute this past summer.

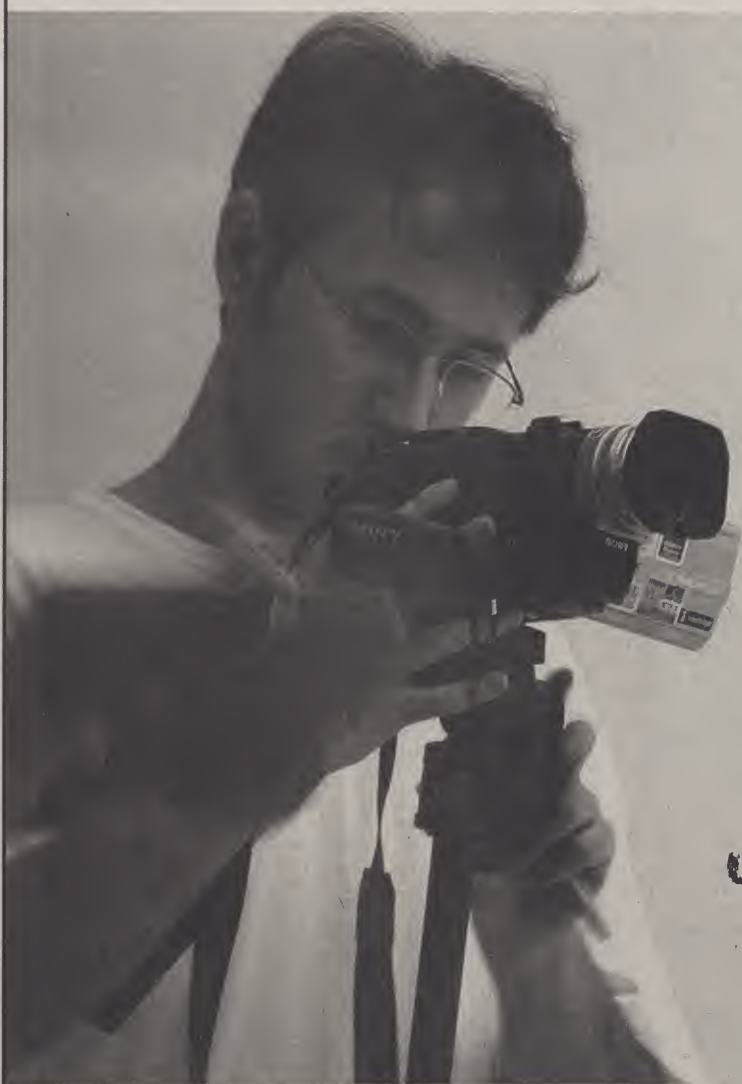
According to Dillinger, there were eleven posters judged.

"Mine was awarded the second/third place," Dillinger said.

"They did not specify a specific poster as second and the other as third. Just the 1st place winner was specified."

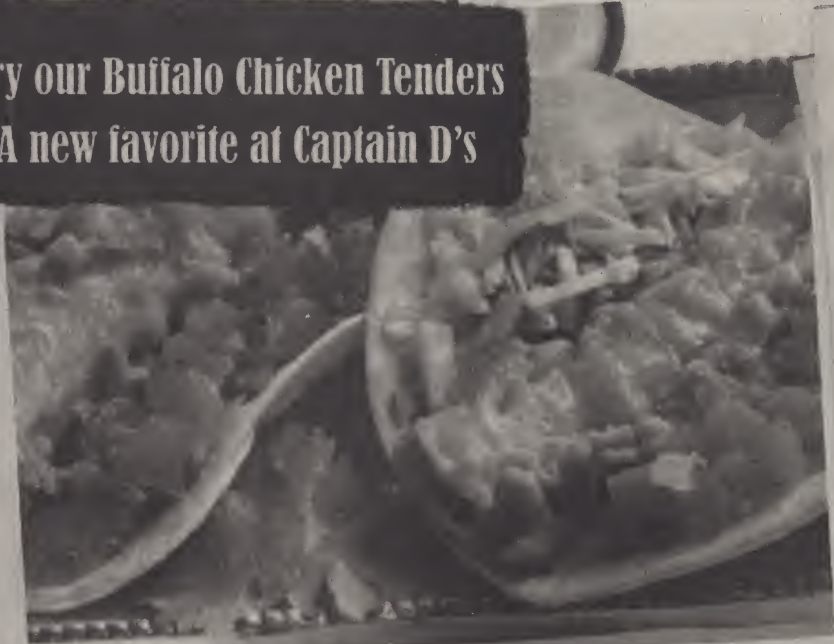
"I felt that the SUMS conference was a great experience for me and will help prepare me for future conferences," Dillinger added. "I plan to go to Boston in January to the Joint Mathematics Meeting, which is a major math conference, and present a joint poster with Rebecca Presor, who worked with me this summer under the direction of Dr. Lee."

According to Dillinger, her award was the book, A History of Pi.



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Sports

Women's Basketball Set To Begin

By BRANDY SIMPSON

With the start of the season just a few days away, the University of Mary Washington women's basketball team hopes to kick off another winning season. The Eagles are coming off a strong season last year in which they captured the Capital Athletic Conference regular season title and finished 15-1 in their conference and 20-6 overall.

Head Coach Deena Applebury feels optimistic going into this season.

"I feel pretty good about this season," Applebury said. "We have a solid freshmen class and a large returning group."

The Lady Eagles return their five starters from a year ago, including their top two scorers from last season in seniors Jenna McRae and Kattie Wimmer. The combination of the veteran experience who helped UMW win the regular season title last season and the influx of freshman talent has the women's basketball team gaining national attention. UMW is ranked as the No. 16 team in the nation in the D3 News preseason national poll.

While Coach Applebury thinks it is nice to be garnering such early attention, she still feels that the Eagles need to maintain their focus.

"We can't overlook any opponent and we need to keep our



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Senior Jenna McRae returns for her final season as the No. 16 ranked Eagles look to improve upon last season's 20-6 record.

eye on the prize," Applebury said. "We have strong competition starting out of the gate."

The season opens with the Lady Eagles playing at Washington & Lee University on Tuesday, Nov. 15. Mary Washington lost to Washington & Lee in the season opener last year 54-49, a fact that Applebury has not forgotten.

"Washington & Lee is a tough opponent," Applebury said. "They beat us last year. Hopefully we are hungry and we want revenge."

Although the team received

somewhat of a morale boost by being nationally ranked in the preseason, there are still a few concerns as the season opener for the Eagles nears.

"We still need to get healthy," Applebury said. "We have three or four players who are not practicing or who are only partially practicing."

A formidable opponent like Washington & Lee will be par for the course for the basketball team the 2011-2012 season. Mary Washington will also face two strong out-of-conference opponents early in the season in

Randolph-Macon College and Roanoke College. In the 2010 Randolph-Macon Tipoff Tournament, Mary Washington faced both of those teams, falling to Randolph-Macon and pulling off an impressive win over Roanoke.

A season opening win over the Generals would be the boost that the Eagles are looking for as they try to get the season off to a solid start. The first home game for UMW won't come until Dec. 3, when the Lady Eagles host Frostburg State University at 2 p.m.

Field Hockey Sets Sights on Fall 2012

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Salisbury would be the only CAC team to receive an invite to play in the tournament.

"In the back of all of our heads, we thought we had a better chance [of getting a bid] because we did have a good record and we were ranked all season," Baker said. "When we saw the teams that [did get a bid] like CNU, we were disappointed."

Despite their disappointment, the Lady Eagles are now focused on preparations for their 2012 season, which includes traveling to Italy during spring break for offseason training.

"[The players] will really be focusing on weight training this spring," Elliot stated. "When I start to have practices with them, we will really be focusing on footwork and playing."

The Eagles will be losing three seniors, including forward Morgan Jones. Jones has been a vital part of UMW's offense, scoring 49 goals in her career as well as breaking the school's single-season goals record for goals in a season with 24 goals.

Jones was also invited to participate in the National Field Hockey Coaches Association Division III Senior Game.

"It will be sad to see the seniors go; they are impact players," Elliot noted. "But we have players there [to replace them], it's just a matter of if they want

"[Elliot] added her own twists to drills that worked, but didn't try to change our formation around so we could still play like how we used to play."

- Sophomore Caitlin Baker

to step up and take those positions."

Though some upperclassmen departed, the Eagles will be returning many key players such as Baker, junior midfielder Lisa Charney, and junior goalkeeper Claire Gianelle.

When asked about her hopes for next fall, Elliot replied that UMW has big aspirations.

"Hopefully, [we will] make it to the CAC championship round instead of semifinals, and get that NCAA bid."

Paterno Should Resign Amid Scandal

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Spanier didn't act and call the police following the 2002 incident as required by Pennsylvania state law, Paterno could have. He didn't. When those higher ups didn't seek out the boy that Sandusky molested in the shower of Paterno's own locker

room to check on his well-being and get his account of what occurred, the iconic coach could have. He didn't.

Instead, Sandusky was allowed to roam free and continued to be a presence at Penn State. He continued to work with his charity, The Second Mile, which constantly put him in

close contact and in a position of power over troubled young boys. Sandusky has officially been charged with 40 different offenses, seven of which are involuntary deviate intercourse, and the failure to act on those in positions of power at Penn State back in 2002 could have prevented who knows how many of those atrocities.

So given all the information we currently have, why on earth would over 1,000 people of the PSU student body conduct a rally for Paterno on Tuesday night? Because he has 409 career wins? Please, don't be ignorant. If they had any sense, those students would have done something (a vigil, perhaps) to mourn those whose lives were eternally scarred thanks to a sick and evil man and powerful enablers who decided it would be too embarrassing for their precious University to blow the whistle on him.

Instead, those in attendance of that rally elevated their iconic football coach over the innocence of those children. Rather than partaking in silent, somber prayers to whichever deity each person believes in, the mob boisterously cheered, "We want Joe" and "Beat Nebraska." Hello? This is more important than football.

If police in mob gear needed to be in attendance, it should

have been because the "Penn Staters" were up in arms and calling for the figurative heads of JoPa and Spanier (and the actual head of Sandusky).

Curley and fellow cover-up accomplice Gary Schultz, a Penn State school administrator, resigned this past Sunday. Last night Spanier joined those two, as he was dismissed from his post as university president.

Meanwhile, Paterno announced that he will be retiring once the season is complete, hoping for a chance to not have his storied career abruptly end amid one of the nastiest scandals the sports world has ever seen.

But while the student body is apparently okay having a coach who let a sexual predator stay a free man, Paterno cannot be allowed to coach another day. The Penn State Board of Visitors needs to either force his resignation or fire Paterno if he refuses. This should be blatantly obvious to all "Penn Staters," but I suppose there are some who are too preoccupied with the Nittany Lions 8-1 record and 5-0 mark in the "Leaders" side of the Big 10.

Yet while the blind PSU fans look at the standings, I'm too busy digesting the irony that when all those prepubescent boys needed help, Penn State lacked an actual "leader" to step up and squash Sandusky eight years earlier.



Courtesy of the Associated Press

Joe Paterno can't be allowed to coach another game.

Men's Basketball Prepares for 2011-12

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struggle in the early going as part of the learning curve. The hope is that the team will be able to adjust well enough to have everyone peaking at the right time in the season: tournament play.

"We are much more athletic than we have been in the past," Wood said, "which is why I put [this offense] in. I'm sure they'll get it."

In order to compensate for potential offensive problems in the

beginning of the year, the team has been focusing on strengthening other areas of play.

"Last year we had as simple of an offense and defense as we could. In order to compete I have to become more involved and that's what I'm doing with this new offense."

-Head Coach Rod Wood

"We have to be a great defensive team," Henderson said. "That's the most important thing for us to focus on right now. We have to carry out the concepts of our coach and be the best we can be."

Wood said that he set up a much tougher schedule for the team this year so that they could learn from playing in big games. The hope is that the tougher regular season slate will make the Eagles more battle tested and prepared for the end of the season stretch.

Mary Washington defeated CNU in a 78-75 thriller in the only meeting between the two teams last season. That win

marked the Eagles' first victory in their last 12 meetings with the Captains, but UMW will look to make it two in a row when next Friday comes around.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Head Coach Rod Wood

Fantasy Football Corner

By ZACH MORETTI

Last Week: 8-7-3
Overall: 54-52-8

Start 'Em

QB: Mark Sanchez (Jets)
RB: Steven Jackson (Rams)
WR: Dez Bryant (Cowboys)
RB: Willis McGahee (Broncos)
WR: Reggie Wayne (Colts)
TE: Heath Miller (Steelers)
K: Alex Henery (Eagles)
DEF: Washington Redskins

Sit 'Em

QB: Tom Brady (Patriots)
RB: Brandon Jacobs (Giants)
WR: A.J. Green (Bengals)
RB: Reggie Bush (Dolphins)
WR: Mike Wallace (Steelers)
TE: Scott Chandler (Bills)
K: Sebastian Janikowski (Raiders)
DEF: Dallas Cowboys

Add 'Em

QB: Andy Dalton (Bengals)
RB: Roy Helu (Redskins)
WR: Laurent Robinson (Cowboys)
RB: Chris Ogbonnaya (Browns)
WR: Earl Bennett (Bears)
TE: Jake Ballard (Giants)
K: Olindo Mare (Panthers)
DEF: St. Louis Rams

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Sports

Field Hockey Season Ends

Eagles finish season 15-5 (5-2) in Elliot's first year



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Freshman Amy Abernathy (15) played in 18 games in her first year at the collegiate level, starting 14 of them, and is part of UMW field hockey's future.

By SARAH PARK

The No. 18 ranked University of Mary Washington field hockey team concluded their season after losing to Wesley College in the Capital Athletic Conference tournament semifinals last Wednesday, Nov. 2. The Eagles finished 15-5 overall and 5-2 in conference play.

The beginning of the season was uncertain for the Eagles, as former Head Coach Dana Hall stepped down after 22 years of coaching.

However, any doubts about new Head Coach Lindsey Elliot were immediately cleared as Elliot led the Eagles to victories against two nationally ranked opponents in the first two home games of the season. UMW has been the only team so far to defeat Old Dominion Athletic

Conference champion Lynchburg College.

"I miss Coach Hall, but we did get a great coach to replace her," sophomore forward Caitlin Baker said. "[Elliot] added her own twists to drills that worked, but didn't try to change our formation around so we could still play like how we used to play."

As the season progressed, the Eagles continued their crusade past other formidable opponents, such as Washington & Lee University, St. Mary's College and Christopher Newport University (CNU).

"Beating CNU was a huge highlight of our season, especially since they are a tough team," Baker said. The last time the Eagles defeated the Captains before this year was in back in 2004.

Going into the postseason,

the Eagles had high hopes of winning the CAC title for a second year in a row. The Eagles triumphed over CAC foe Stevenson in the first round of the tournament before losing to Wesley in the semifinals 1-0. In the regular season, UMW lost to Wesley 3-2 in penalty strokes.

"We outplayed them. Unfortunately, two of our goals were called back, and we just couldn't penetrate their defense," Elliot said. "I feel like we were definitely the better team, but sometimes, the better team doesn't win."

The loss not only knocked UMW out of the CAC tournament, but also decreased their chances of receiving a bid into the NCAA tournament. Results posted on Nov. 6 indicated that

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Equestrian Earns Third at CNU

By BRANDY SIMPSON

The University of Mary Washington equestrian team placed third in the Christopher Newport University (CNU) riding show on Saturday, Nov. 5. Three Mary Washington riders took first place finishes at the show. Junior Haley Cook placed first in the intermediate over fences class, sophomore Elicia Franchini snagged a first place finish in the walk trot class, and senior Marina Frano rounded out the first place finishes with a great ride in the novice on the flat class.

This past weekend's show was a great boost for the team, who was looking to improve upon the fourth place finish in the Goucher College show on Oct. 30. Freshman Ali Duchemin said that there has certainly been improvement in recent weeks.

"Everyone on the team rode their best this past weekend and we're getting better with each show," Duchemin said.

Senior Marina Frano sees the Christopher Newport show as the start of turnaround for the Eagles season.

"I feel really good about our team's performance this past show," Frano said. "We had a bit of a slow start at the beginning of the season, but we are definitely on a comeback. Everyone rode great and put forth their best effort. I am proud of all the girls and I know we will continue doing well in

the coming shows."

Although the Mary Washington riding squad had a strong showing at CNU, the riders are not satisfied as they continue to look at areas where they can improve.

"There is always room for improvement," Franchini said, "and the only way to do that is work hard in practice and concentrate in the competitions."

Frano shared her teammate's sentiments.

"Everyone always rides to the best of their ability," Frano said. "As long as we all maintain our focus and keep practicing as hard as we have, I know that we will do great in the next show."

UMW will look to capture a first place finish at the Towson University show on Nov. 19, and Frano is confident in the Eagles' ability to win the event.



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Senior Marina Frano took first in the novice on the flat class.

"I feel great going into the Towson show," Frano said. "It is the first time Towson is hosting a horse show, so I am very excited for us to ride at a new facility. I know we will all work hard to take the region back."

Like Frano, Duchemin feels that the Towson University show will be the strongest competition for the team to date, as the confidence level runs high among riders.

"We're three shows deep this semester and I feel like we have a better grasp of what to expect from the other schools at the Towson show," Duchemin said. "Before, we were still learning all of the new riders' strengths and weaknesses from our school and competing schools, but now we know what we need to do to put UMW back on top."

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-Freshman Ali Duchemin

Penn State Scandal: Paterno Indefensible

By ZACH MORETTI

On Tuesday night, a gaggle of Penn State University (PSU) students flocked to blindly support a man who may have intentionally shielded a child molester. Nittany Lions' legendary football coach Joe Paterno thanked those who came out to support him amidst the recent child molestation charges brought against his former defensive coordinator, Jerry Sandusky. With all the deserved media criticism that Paterno has received for his role in this mess since these reports surfaced last Saturday, I honestly didn't see

that kind of support coming his way.

As it stands now, it appears that at best Paterno was morally negligent and deferential to acts of incompetence of those above him. Sure, Paterno told his athletic director Tim Curley after the football team's graduate assistant recounted horrific acts he witnessed between Sandusky and a boy estimated to be 10-years-old in the Penn State locker room showers back in 2002. But that doesn't clear Paterno of guilt. When Curley and university President Graham

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Men's Basketball Season Preview

By MICHAEL MORRIS

The University of Mary Washington women's basketball team will take its new high-paced offense to the court for the first time on Nov. 18 when the Eagles host Christopher Newport University in the season opener of the UMW Tipoff Classic. York (NY) College and Newport News Apprentice School will also be in attendance as the men's basketball team christens the new William M. Anderson Center.

UMW is coming off of a 16-10 season, which ended in a disappointing Capital Athletic Tournament loss to St. Mary's College in the conference semifinals.

"Last year we had as simple of an offense and defense as we could," Head Coach Rod Wood said. "In order to compete I have to become more involved and that's what I'm doing with this new offense."

Junior forward Ryan Henderson described the new offense as much more of a fast break style where the players move the ball quickly up the court. This type of offense will give the Eagles more options when attacking the opposing teams' defenses.

Wood acknowledged that the new offense will also bring with it some setbacks. All of the players, even the returning starters, are starting at ground zero in terms of being familiar with the more complicated scheme. The returning players won't be able to help Wood as much in assimilating the new players into the offense because they will be learning it themselves.

"It's hard to understand the tempo and timing," Wood said. "The visual cues and recognizing when to change the play is much more difficult in this offense."

The basketball team has been scrimmaging to work on their



Courtesy of Clint Offen

Sophomore Walt Smith is going to be a crucial piece to the men's basketball team's success this year.

timing and conditioning, as a faster paced offense calls for more players having to get up the court. Wood and his players recognize that it may take some time before the team is able to fully utilize their new package.

"The concepts I'm putting in

are more of a long term project," Wood said. "This gives us the best chance to win more games over a longer period."

Wood said that the players were picking up the offense slowly and that the team may

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All Conference Selections

Women's Soccer:

Sophomore Tina Rader (1st Team)
Sophomore Erin Reynolds (2nd Team)
Senior Karen Strat (2nd Team)



Courtesy of Clint Offen
Tina Rader



Courtesy of Clint Offen
Erin Reynolds



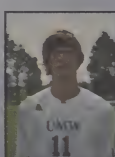
Courtesy of Clint Offen
Karen Strat

Men's Soccer:

Senior Bram Sims (1st Team)
Sophomore David Heller (2nd Team)



Courtesy of Clint Offen
Bram Sims



Courtesy of Clint Offen
David Heller



Courtesy of Clint Offen

The UMW swim teams competed against Hood College and York College last Friday, Nov. 4. The women beat Hood 100-22 and topped York 82-40, while the men upended Hood 98-24 and lost to York 67-55.